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SUBJ: GRANT AGREEMENT 1069-487193 WITH ACLS (IREX): PROFESSOR

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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT BUILA PROJECT APPROVED BY SLOVENIAN COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SCSR). PROFESSOR MLINSEK AND SPANRING OF BIOTECHNICAL FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA EXPECTING BUILA AND FOUR US GRADUATE STUDENTS.

2. SLOVENIAN COLLABORATORS STATE THAT RESEARCH PROJECT BEING FUNDED BY IREX GRANT IN AMOUNT OF DOLS 10,000 EQUIVALENT DINARS TO BE MATCHED BY SIMILAR AMOUNT FROM SCSR. THIS APPARENTLY IN ADDITION TO MONEY IREX HAS GRANTED BUILA INDIVIDUALLY.

3. NEITHER THE CONCERNED GOY AGENCY (FAISECTC) NOR THE EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE HAVE ANY RECORD THAT THE PROJECT WAS FINANCED WITH PL-480 OR JOINT SCIENTIFIC BOARD FUNDS. STATE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT WITH IREX HAS ONLY APPROX. DOLS 4,000 UNOBLIGATED. EMBASSY THEREFORE PUZZLED AS TO WHERE IREX OBTAINED THIS MONEY. FURTHERMORE, APPEARS EMBASSY HAS NOT HAD CHANCE TO CLEAR PROJECT AS IS USUAL FOR ALL GRANTS INVOLVING COUNTERPART FUNDS, ALTHOUGH SLOVENIANS STATE THAT PROJECT HAS BEEN UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH US SIDE FOR SOME TEN YEARS. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON PROJECT DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE.
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